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SUBJECT: AMERICAN NEWS AND COMMENT

1. HIGHLIGHTS. WATERGATE CONTINUES IN WEDNESDAY PAPERS; MITCHELL DENIES TIE WITH VESCO. PAPERS FRONTPAGE WASHINGTON GIVES HANOI SHARP RESPONSE. NYTIMES FRONTPAGES NIXON WOULD SIGN A NEW CHARTER IN EUROPE THIS FALL. SOME COMMENT ON KISSINGER' S EUROPE; JOSEPH ALSOP ON PERSIAN GULF.

1 A. WASHPOST INSIDE HAS BRIEF ON JERUSALEM PARADE; NYTIMES HAS VATICAN WORRIED BY ARAB ATTACKS ON CHURCH FOLLOWING FRENCH BISHOPS' SUPPORT OF JEWISH NATIONHOOD; ALSO MANILA, MARCOS SAYS ARAB DELEGATION WILL COME TO DISCUSS MINDANAO DISPUTE.

1 B. WASHPOST FRONTPAGES ACCIDENT CRIPPLES SOVIET SPACE-CRAFT, UNEXPLAINED DAMAGE RENDERING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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COSMONAUTS TO BOARD. NYTIMES INSIDE REPORTS ONE US SENATOR MET JEWS; WASHPOST MOSCOW REPORTS SOVIET JEW TARGET ON POLICE VISIT.

1 C. WASHPOST REPORTS GREEKS INDICTED FOR PRINTING KARAMANLIS CRITICISM; ALSO HAS DAN MORGAN PIECE ON EDITORIAL PAGE ON SUPERVISED PRESS IN GREECE. ALL HAVE HIROHITO VISIT PUT OFF.

2. JERUSALEM. WASHPOST BRIEF FROM UNITED NATIONS REPORTS JORDAN CALLED ON UN TO PREVENT ISRAEL FROM HOLDING A MILITARY PARADE MAY 7 TO MARK 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL' S FOUNDING, AMBASSADOR SHARAF IN HIS LETTER TO WALDHEIM SAYING PARADE WAS NOT ONLY A DEFIANCE OF UN BUT AFFRONT TO UNIVERSAL SPIRITUAL VALUES EMBODIED IN JERUSALEM.

3. SOVIETS. NYTIMES SHABAD MOSCOW REPORTS SEVEN US SENATORS DEPARTED AFTER ONE OF THEM MET SECRETLY WITH PROMINENT MOSCOW JEWS TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON CONTROVERSIAL EMIGRATION ISSUE; JEWISH ACTIVISTS AFTER STREET- CORNER MEETING WITH SEN. CANNON SAID THEY TOLD HIM RESTRICTIVE SOVIET PRACTICES REMAINED UNCHANGED DESPITE LIFTING OF TAX. SHABAD ADDS OTHER CASES OF RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS.

4. COMMENT. JOSEPH ALSOP EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SOVIET BUILDING OF OWN STRATEGICALLY LOCATED NAVAL BASE IN IRAQ TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN ABOUT ONE YEAR AT HEAD OF PERSIAN GULF WHERE OIL LINES TO US AND WESTERN EUROPE COULD BE CUT, ADDING PRESENT OUTLOOK IS THAT US NAVAL POWER WILL BE INFERIOR TO THAT OF SOVIETS. ALSOP SAYS HELMS ASSIGNED TO IRAN BY NIXON TO ASSURE US OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF IRANIAN OIL IN CASE OF DIFFICULTIES WITH ARABS, AND TO ADD SUPPORT TO IRAN' S EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN GULF, BUT CONCLUDES US NOT IRAN SHOULD TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT WESTERN INTERESTS.

5. EUROPE. EDITORS AGREE WITH KISSINGER' S STATEMENT WE DO REQUIRE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SHOULD BE DONE JOINTLY IN EUROPE AND OF THE LIMITS WE SHOULD IMPOSE ON THE SCOPE OF OUR AUTONOMY. WELL AND CAREFULLY PUT, SAYS BALTSUN
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WHICH WELCOMES PROSPECTS OF A FRESH ACT OF CREATION BY ATLANTIC NATIONS, HOLDING THAT IF THE COMITY OF WESTERN NATIONS IS DESTROYED BY ECONOMIC RIVALRY OR ATROPHY OF NATO THEN PEACE WILL HAVE BEEN WEAKENED.

5 A. NYTIMES SEE REVITALIZED ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP AS CLEARLY FEASIBLE AND APPROVES AMERICAN ASSURANCES ON KEEP-

ING US TROOPS IN EUROPE AND OUR HOPES OF EVENTUAL AGREE-
MENT WITH SOVIETS FOR MBFR. TIMES SAYS KISSINGER' S TONE
AND LANGUAGE ECHOED THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF PRESIDENT' S
TRADE MESSAGE, RATHER THAN EARLIER TRUCULENT CHAUVINISTIC
PRONOUNCEMENTS BUT IT' S TOO EARLY TO CONCLUDE ADMINIS-
TRATION HAS GENUINELY AND PERMANENTLY CHANGED ITS WHOLE
APPROACH IN EFFORT TO BUILD A NEW STRUCTURE OF INTER-
NATIONAL RELATIONS FOR THE DECADES AHEAD.

5 B. WASHPOST ALSO HOLDS THAT PRESIDENT IN TRADE PROPOSAL

ALREADY DELIVERED MESSAGE THAT US IS PREPARED TO RETURN ITS
PRIMARY ATTENTION TO EUROPE; POST ADDS THAT MILITARY
DEFENSE IS NOW DECIDELY SECONDARY AND WE WILL BE TALKING
ABOUT TRADE AND MONEY. POST PRAISES KISSINGER STATEMENT
THAT NATIONAL LEADERS MUST RECOGNIZE THAT ECONOMIC
RIVALRY CAN ULTIMATELY DAMAGE OTHER RELATIONSHIPS. BUT
POST DOUBTS THIS SPEECH WILL ENTIRELY MEET OTHER NATIONS'
DOUBTS, SINCE IT INCLUDES FAMILIAR LITANY OF AMERICAN
COMPLAINTS AND ONLY LEFT- HANDEDLY OFFERS INCLUSION OF
JAPAN EVENTUALLY. ROGERS

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